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### ITEMS AT THE COURT.

For returning from banishment a man was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment at the Magistracy this morning.

The case against the boy, who is alleged to have stolen a watch belonging to Mr. C. Clement, was dismissed at the Magistracy this morning.

The case in which F. K. Jata sued M. P. Takti, on a counter claim, for \$1,000 commission on sale of sugar, was dismissed by Mr. Justice Gompertz to-day with costs.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning Luk Fu, married woman, claimant from Chan Suk Kin, spinner, \$100, being money received towards two shares of \$100 each in a loan association of which plaintiff was the head and defendant a member.

A cabin boy on the s.s. Kinshan was charged before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of 275 rounds of ammunition. The case was dismissed as it appeared that the ammunition did not belong to him and he only allowed it to be placed in the cabin.

A quarrel arose during the coaling of the s.s. Tientsin, amongst some Japanese and Chinese when a Japanese is alleged to have stabbed a Chinaman twice in the back. He appeared before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Magistracy this morning. Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

A man went into a shop at No. 228 Queen's Road Central and while bargaining for some jewellery two other men came in. One snatched five gold buttons and made off. When in the street he passed the buttons to a confederate. The man was arrested. At the Magistracy to-day the case was adjourned.

To-day the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott) had again before him the matter of the compensation to be paid to the owners of Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 20, 29 and 31 under the Harbour of Refuge Ordinance. He submitted that he was of opinion on the point of law raised as to the construction of the Ordinance that the alteration to levels in streets outside the limits of the reclamation indicated in section 4 is not contemplated by section 5 or in any other section of the Ordinance.

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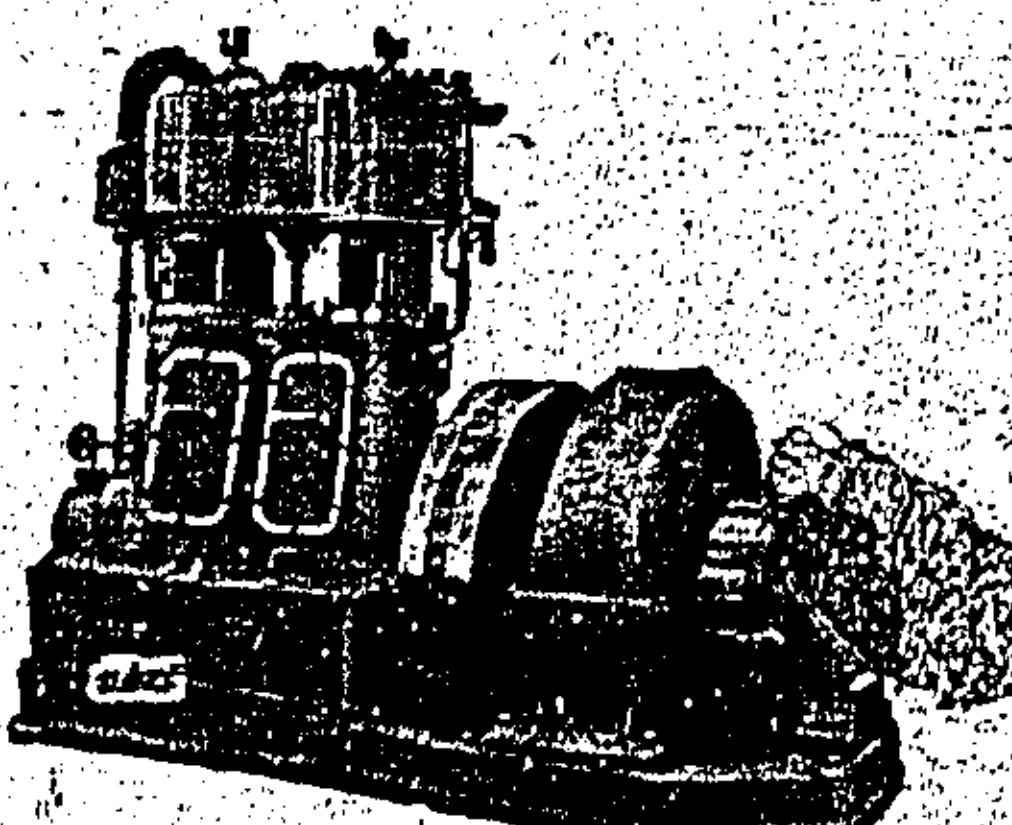
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MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS IN  
this Corporation will be held at the CITY  
HALL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the  
17th day of February, 1912, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1911.  
The REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED on MON-  
DAY, the 5th February, 1912, at Noon, for  
the 17th February, 1912, both days inclu-  
sive, during which period, no transfer of  
Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
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## AMOI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(Continued)

(iii). Correspondence between Mr Emil  
Bauer and the Council:—  
10th January, 1912.I have been informed that I had voted  
for the Council. On looking up the  
Land Regulations and By-laws (dated the  
10th January, 1902) I find under paragraph  
No. 4 that "the Municipal Council shall  
consist of 5 or 6 persons, etc."There is nothing mentioned in this para-  
graph which prohibits a ratepayer from  
voting for one Councillor only. If there  
is any such By-law prohibiting this please  
have the kindness to furnish me with the  
wording of same and also let me know the  
date when it went into effect.

From the Council to Mr Bauer:—

20th Jan. 1912.

In reply to your letter of yesterday's  
date concerning the election of Councillors,  
I am directed to inform you that as the  
meeting in question is a meeting of  
ratepayers and not a meeting of the Coun-  
cil, the latter body can give no ruling in  
the matter; it is a question entirely for the  
Chairman of the meeting to decide.

From Mr Bauer to the Council:—

21st January, 1912.

Replying to your letter of January 20th  
I beg to say, that I cannot find anything in  
the Land Regulations and By-laws which  
gives the Chairman of the meeting the  
right to decide the question of how the  
voting should be carried out.I have been informed that on previous  
meetings some ratepayers have voted for  
two or three Councillors only. You would  
therefore oblige me by informing me if  
these votes have been counted or not.If they have been counted then a pre-  
cedent has been set, and I don't see how  
the Chairman could prevent me from voting  
at the coming meeting for one or more,  
providing I don't vote for more than six.Please send reply to my residence at  
Kuhangsu and oblige.

From the Council to Mr Bauer:—

21st January, 1912.

Your letter of the 20th inst., has been  
referred to the Council, who direct me to  
inform you that the question you raise  
will be decided at the Annual Meeting of  
ratepayers to be held on the 23rd inst.

From Mr Bauer to the Council:—

22nd January, 1912.

Referring to your letter of yesterday's  
date, I beg to say, that the question  
I asked in my letter of January 20th  
refers to the mode of proceeding in  
previous meetings and I therefore cannot  
understand why the Secretariat does not  
answer this question. If in previous  
meetings the vote of a ratepayer who voted  
for one or more Councillors only, was  
valid in that case it would not have to be  
put before the meeting.If on the other hand, such a  
vote has been declared not valid, then  
I maintain that the By-laws and the  
By-laws do not support that view, and in  
that case I will put my resolution before  
the meeting. I therefore again ask you to  
inform me if a vote, such as referred to  
above, has in previous meetings been counted  
or not.

From Mr Bauer to the Council:—

23rd January, 1912.

As I have not received an answer to my  
letter of January 22nd, I beg to inform you  
that I will publish the correspondence  
between the Council and myself for the  
information of the ratepayers.(iv). Correspondence concerning the  
election of Mr G. F. Haslam, addressed to  
the Council.

From Mr Bauer:

20th January, 1912.

I beg to call your attention to the fact  
that the name of Mr G. F. Haslam does  
not appear in the published list of rate-  
payers.According to the Land Regulations,  
Article 4, ratepayers only are qualified for  
election as Councillors.

From Capt. Bathurst:

22nd January, 1912.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact  
that Mr G. F. Haslam's name does not  
appear in the list of Ratepayers, nor in  
the press, therefore not eligible for elec-  
tion at the coming meeting. Kindly  
inform me what will be done in this case.The Chairman asked if there were  
any questions concerning the Accounts for  
1911.Capt. Bathurst:—After Mr Wallace's  
elaborate speech about the well I have  
very little to say except you state you  
made a contract for him to bore 18  
feet for \$18 per day, being \$1 per foot plus  
the cost of material. Instead of that you  
paid him at the rate of \$24 per foot. The  
material used for boring the well was  
very primitive and cost very little as every  
one could see, and I think he ought to have  
been stopped when the antiquated method  
of boring was first started, and so saved  
the ratepayers a few dollars for some other  
useful purpose.Mr Wallace having replied  
The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr  
L. J. Thomas, that the Accounts for 1911 be  
passed.Carried by a large majority.  
The Chairman asked if there were  
any questions concerning the Estimates for  
1912.Mr Bauer complained of the state of the  
roads and the poor lighting system.  
Capt. Bathurst:—I note the estimated  
expenditure for the coming year is still increas-  
ing, and I cannot see that the increase will  
be for the benefit of the Island. It seems  
to me that the increase is being paid in  
advance and in respect of the Secretariat de-  
partment. In 1906 the Secretariat de-  
partment cost the ratepayers \$6,504.00, and  
now the cost will be for 1912  
\$6,232.00. The ratepayers at that time

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HAMLET.MONDAY, February 12th, Shakespeare's Comedy  
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.TUESDAY, February 13th, Shakespeare's Tragedy  
OTHELLO.WEDNESDAY, February 14th, The Romantic Comedy Play  
JACK AND JINGLES.THURSDAY, February 15th, The play to be produced on the  
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declared the Secretary was too expensive  
for the Island, and the Council  
stated that the new Secretary would  
be cheaper. Colonel Mackenzie then  
acting, was not taken on for a  
further term, though I can fairly state  
that he was fully acquainted with the  
Municipal work and whilst acting as  
Secretary he worked hard to get the  
Municipal work in order, and I can assure  
you that the Island has not expanded, its  
area is still the same as it has been for  
years, and I would like the Council to  
find ways and means to give us more  
lights and better roads. The roads  
round Loh-wai-tak and its vicinity are  
disgraceful in the extreme.Mr Morley—I would like to comment  
upon the continual increase in the cost  
of the electricity, which is also a  
other lot of proportion to additional in-  
come. During the year 1907 total income  
amounted to \$24,88,80 and the upkeep of  
the Secretariat was \$4,282.00, namely  
17.22 per cent. The estimated income for  
1912 is \$27,500.00 and the estimated cost  
of the Secretariat is placed at \$4,532.00,  
being practically 30 per cent. of the total  
income. In other words, of every dollar  
collected by the Municipality 30 cents go  
to the Secretariat. The increase in income  
1907-1912 is \$2701.20, the increase in the  
Secretariat was \$248.00. At the  
time the ratepayers were called together to  
elect the new Secretary, the proposed  
of which were for the erection of  
this building, a special feature was made  
of the intention to build quarters therein  
for the Secretary, so as to eliminate the  
cost of providing an outside house. For  
while the Secretary did live here, and  
I believe I am right in saying that at  
different times two assistant secretaries  
lived here also.Mr Wilson—Both the assistants were  
single men.Mr Morley, continuing—If quarters have  
to be found for the assistant secretary, in  
my opinion the payment of \$85 per month  
is entirely out of proportion to the gentle-  
man's salary, believing as I do that this  
sum represents more than 50 per cent. of  
many men's salaries.Mr Fowler—Am the Council of opinion  
that the quarters specially built for the  
Council are sufficiently commodious to  
house both the Secretary and the In-  
spectors of Police?Mr Wallace—No, not if one of them is  
a married man.Capt. Bathurst moved, seconded by Mr  
Bauer, that the expenses of the Secre-  
tariat be cut down by the sum of \$780,  
being the rent of the Secretary's house.On a vote being taken, 15 voted for the  
resolution, and 10 against. The Chairman  
asked if there were any more questions.Mr Lecombe, enquired whether any  
census of the Chinese population had been  
taken.

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It will be gathered then that a very difficult problem presents itself for solution, and that the drawing up of a common platform seems almost an impossibility. Yet in the Midlands the workmen, it is believed, will be satisfied if they get an understanding with their employers which will remove the uncertainty inherent in the present wage system as it applies to men employed in abnormal places; in Northumberland peace would certainly be restored if the men were given a minimum wage rate of 30 per cent. above the standard rates of 1870; and a wider measure of freedom from the existing conditions of the three-shift system, but in South Wales a settlement on such bases would be entirely unacceptable. In that coalfield, where there is only a single coal-cutting shift in vogue, where wages are higher and work more regular than in any of the other British coalfields, the workmen are demanding a minimum wage of 8s. a day for colliers, without any conditions at all necessitating on their part a return of efficient service. They have stated plainly that a solution of the abnormal places' problem will not satisfy them. On such points as these the workmen themselves are in bitter conflict, and it remains to be seen how their differences will be reconciled.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. D. C. Edwards, director of the Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited, died at home on January 14.

Plasters at Malacca intend giving a salvo ball at the Stad House as a farewell to the Hon. Mr. F. W. Collins.

Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan has been appointed deputy-bailiff of the Supreme Court, by H. E. the Governor, dated from Feb. 4th.

The Fanco of Sarawak is the first President of the new Dinorah Club, which comprises vegetarians and food reformers among its members.

Mr. Wen Ying-ling, nephew of H.E. Wen Tsung-yao, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who spent six years at West Point Military Academy, U.S.A., has returned to Shanghai to throw in his lot with the republican army.

Shanghai papers print a rumour that Mr. Sung Yu Fong, sometime editor of the *Min Li Pao*, now serving in one of the ministries of the Provisional Government at Nanking, will be appointed as the first Chinese Republican Minister to Japan.

It is said that Mr. Leo Berghel, the American Consul-General at Canton, is retiring from the service in March. He came to China in 1878. He was private secretary to the American Minister in 1882, and in 1883 was appointed Consul at Chinkiang. Since then he has had charge of American consulates at Erzerum, Three Rivers, Dawson City, Beirut, and Canton, to which latter post he proceeded in 1900. He is 55 years of age.

WEST RIVER NOTES.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Wentow, Feb. 2.

Last night some twenty houses and shops were burnt down just above the Baptist Church here. Fortunately no damage was done to any foreign property.

The state of the surrounding district grows worse rather than better. Many people are obliged to enter robber societies in order to protect themselves. Blackmail, piracy and violence are the order of the day.

RECORD REGISTERED LETTER MAIL.  
During the past few weeks the Hongkong postal authorities have been handling unusually heavy registered letter mails from the United States, but we learn by the courtesy of the Postmaster General, that to-day all records for the Colony were broken by the arrival of no fewer than 7,418 registered covers by the *Chiyu Maru* and the *Manchuria*. Most of these were addressed to Chinese and doubtless nearly all contained drafts for big sums, which are probably being sent on to aid the Revolutionary movement in South China. At a moderate estimate the value of the contents must be fully four million dollars. Despite the extra work thrown on the postal employees by this mammoth mail, the letters have been quickly handled, and the authorities are to be complimented on dealing with the situation so expeditiously. In the past fortnight over 20,000 registered letters have been received here from America alone.

NEW VICEROY FOR CANTON.  
Some time ago the present Viceroy of Canton, Chan Kwing Ming, intimated his desire to resign his post and proceed north. The fascination of the north is evidently very strong at present for already the first Republican Viceroy has gone there. Chan has been requested more than once to remain at his post because it is important at this juncture that there should be no change, and that a man should be at the helm whose knowledge of affairs and the difficulties ahead may be some guarantee that the ship of state may be steered with discretion. It appears, however, that a change is impending and that he is being asked to elect a successor. The name of Chui Shih Ching is mentioned. He has some knowledge of military affairs and the merchants of Hongkong are interested in his election. A telegram has been sent to him to ascertain whether, if he is elected, he will stand. Those who are writing on the subject are anxious that for a time there should be a military Viceroy, and further that he should be one that can exercise some effective control over the "People's Army." This is the crux of the question. Unless he has some knowledge of military affairs he cannot understand the problems that are confronting the Canton people at this time. He must also be a personal acquaintance with the "People's Army." There seems to be in the writer's mind some fear that unless these two conditions are fulfilled there will be trouble in Kwangtung province, and this is naturally dreaded, for there is trouble enough already without any military outbreak in this province. It seems to be thought, however, that if Chui is elected, and is willing to give attention to the problem, that affairs can be straightened out, and the different sections of the army brought into unity, so that they can give their attention to the pacification of the province, which is greatly needed in view of the many pirates and brigands now infesting most of the country districts.

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PIRACY OFF PING HOI.  
The master of a small fishing boat arrived at Shaukiwan on Monday and reported that on January 3rd his boat was pirated when off Ping Hoi. A boat containing nine men came alongside and threatened him with revolvers. Then they proceeded to take the boat to the mainland but he was frightened and jumped overboard leaving his father, son and daughter at the mercy of the robbers. He eventually managed to reach the small island of Shih Sing, where he was picked up by a Macao fishing boat, which brought him to Shaukiwan.

THE WHITE STAR COMPANY have appointed against the finding in the Hawke Olympic case. The Imperial merchant Service Guild sends in a long review of the evidence given at the trial, and opinion having taken exception to many conclusions arrived at in the judgment which seem prejudicial to the officers of the Olympic. The Guild support public opinion.

THE CHINA MAIL.  
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THE MINERS' DISCONTENT.  
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## BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

THE REVOLUTION.  
LOAN THROUGH ARNOLD.  
KARBERG AND CO.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
The Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that the Government has arranged for a loan of three million sterling at 6 per cent. through the German firm of Arnold, Karberg and Co., and thereby the Austrian Skoda and Pilsen works will secure orders for arms and ammunition to the amount of the loan during the next five years.

## YUAN'S NEW ORDERS.

LATER.  
Reuter's correspondent at Peking wires that an edict has been issued directing Yuan Shih-kai to form a Republic with the help of the Southern Republic.

The public has not so far been made aware of the abdication, but trouble is not expected.

## AN EXPLANATION.

LONDON, Feb. 6.  
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that Messrs Arnold, Karberg and Co. says the loan contracted with the Republic Government is only for £300,000 and that its object is to relieve market difficulties at Peking.

## REVOLUTIONARY SUCCESSES.

LATER.  
Reuter's Peking correspondent wires that the revolutionaries have landed on the Yalu River and defeated the Imperialists from Mukden.

The revolutionaries yesterday drove back General Chang Hsun's army which was sent to recapture Nanking, but the latter's forces had been weakened by a thousand desertions.

## OPINION DIVIDED.

(Hak Tai Yat Po Service.)  
SHANGHAI, Feb. 5.  
Yuan Shih-kai has invited opinions from the Viceroy and Governors in regard to the form of the new Government. Those in Kirin, Honan, Shensi and Shantung are in favour of Republicanism, while those in Kansu, Sinkiang, Uklungking and Chihli favour a Monarchy.

## MANCHURIA'S DECISION.

Chao Eri Shen, Viceroy of Manchuria, has declared that if the abdication of the Throne takes place he will declare independence there.

## THE ABDICATION DECREE.

Yuan Shih-kai proposes that the Abdication Decree shall be issued when all the troops have assembled at Peking.

## IMPERIALISTS RETIRE.

The Republicans have recaptured Tung Kwan in Shensi Province, the Imperial troops having retired on to Sincow, Honan.

## AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Wu Ting Fang and Wong Ching Wu have gone to Nanking in order to consult on important matters.

## THE ESPIONAGE CASE.

"DISGRACEFUL MISCAR-  
RIAGE"

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 6.  
The Conservative afternoon papers vehemently comment on the sentences passed in Leipzig on Mr. Bertrand Stewart for alleged espionage, and characterize it as a disgraceful miscarriage, which is calculated to embitter the relations of England and Germany. They state that a British subject now visits Germany at his peril, and suggest that the Kaiser should rectify the sentence. The Westminster Gazette is more moderate in its expressions, stating that at present the affair is not satisfactory, but it hopes that details of the trial will be issued.

GERMAN NAVAL  
EXPANSION.

## GREAT AMBITIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
The papers are giving prominence to the forecasts of the German papers regarding the forthcoming German naval increases. The Taegische Rundschau says the personnel will be increased by from sixty to eighty thousand, and that the new Third Squadron, The Daily Mail's Berlin publication, which is said to exactly interpret the Admiralty views, says, "The proportion must be two German ships to three English. We have hardly any fear of England playing down two to one if we continue to build three ships yearly."

THEIR MAJESTIES LAND.  
EARLY ARRIVAL AT  
PORTSMOUTH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
The arrival of the Medina fourteen hours before she was expected caused a sensation at Portsmouth. Their Majesties dined on board the Medina. The meeting of Their Majesties and other members of the Royal Family taken place this morning before their Majesties leave for London.

The Medina, with the King and Queen on board, left Spithead this morning and passed close to the spot where the submarine A13 sank. She traversed the lines of warships assembled, the latter dipping their flags, and moored at the jetty.

## WELCOME HOME.

Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, Princess Mary and Prince Arthur of Connaught greeted Their Majesties most affectionately as they landed.

## SPEECH BY THE KING.

The King, who looked in splendid health, replying to the Portsmouth address of welcome, said it was appropriate that the journey should begin and end in the principal home of the Navy. He was profoundly touched by the affection and loyalty of India and other parts of the Dominion, and he would greatly rejoice if the visit should contribute to the welfare of India and strengthen the bonds of Empire.

## ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

A brilliant gathering welcomed the Royal party at Victoria Station, those on the platform including members of the Royal Family, Mr. Asquith, the Archbishop of Canterbury, members of the Cabinet, diplomats, Peers, M.P.s and the Lord Mayors of England and the Lord Provosts of Scotland.

## POPULAR GREETINGS.

Notwithstanding the biting cold, large crowds awaited Their Majesties along a route which was specially extended to include Victoria Street, Parliament Square, Whitehall, the Admiralty, Marble Arch and the Mall, thence to Buckingham Palace. There were no troops and the police were placed widely apart, to give the spectators the best possible view.

The Royal procession was most imposing. The streets were gaily decorated and Their Majesties rode in open carriages.

Despite the frost, vast cheering crowds greeted Their Majesties along the route.

A WONDERFUL DEMON-  
STRATION.

LATER.  
Their Majesties looked most happy at London's splendid greeting. The King wore the uniform of an Admiral, while the Queen was attired in sable.

Their Majesties came out on to the balcony at Buckingham Palace in response to the cheers of the great crowd assembled, and remained there bowing for fully five minutes. They received a wonderful ovation, the crowd throwing hats in the air and waving their sticks and handkerchiefs frantically.

## SERVICE IN THE ABBEY.

There was a large congregation at Westminster Abbey for the special service held in honour of Their Majesties' safe return.

## THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 6.  
Gilt-edged stocks are weak, and the Stock Exchange is expressing disappointment that Mr. Lloyd George, in his speech at the National Liberal Club, did not make any suggestion for raising the price of Consols.

INDIA AND THE CROWN.  
KING'S VISIT CEMENTS THE  
BONDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
Viscount Hardinge has telegraphed to Mr. Asquith as follows:—The ruling Princes in India, and the non-official members of the Legislative Council, acting on the authority of public meetings in the important centres, desire me, at the conclusion of the Royal visit, to convey an expression of cordial good-will and fellowship, and warm attachment to the Empire, of the Princes and peoples of India. Their Majesties' gracious demeanour and unfailing sympathy have drawn closer the bonds uniting England and India.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.  
VICTORIA FOLLOW ON.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 6.  
In cool weather, and before an attendance of 2,100, the M.C.C. team continued their match against Victoria. The state team took their overnight score to 195, to which Armstrong contributed 15 not out. Barnes took four wickets for 28. Following on Victoria lost five wickets for 132, Mackenzie scoring 15 not out.

## THE DALAI LAMA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
A wire from Reuter's Calcutta correspondent states that the Dalai Lama leaves shortly for Kalimpong. He is proceeding to Tibet in March.

HOT AUSTRALIA  
MANY BUSH FIRES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that the intense heat prevailing in Australia has caused bush fires in several of the states. The damage in South Australia amounted to £100,000.

QUEENSLAND LABOUR  
TROUBLES.GOOD ORDER BUT STRIKE  
PREADING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
Reuter's correspondent at Brisbane reports that perfect order now prevails and that the shops are gradually reopening. The strike is spreading to Ipswich, Rockhampton and Townsville.

A Melbourne telegram states that the Hon. Mr. Andrew Fisher, Prime Minister, refused the request of the Queensland Government for military aid. He appeals to all parties to refer their grievances to the Commonwealth Arbitration Court.

LATER.  
The trams have resumed at Brisbane under police protection and the railway service is partially restored.

(Note.—The strike at Brisbane commenced among the tramway drivers. It was organized in a meeting of the management of the tram system prohibiting members of the unions from wearing their badges in the cars. The result was an immediate strike among the operators of the street tram system. The trouble spread soon to the other unions until the whole city was tied up.—Ed.)

AUS R'LIAN  
CRICKET SQUABBLE.

## MEETING ENDS IN FIGHT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney wires that at the meeting held to select an Australian team for the next Test match the long-standing differences between Clem Hill and McAlister culminated in fist-cuffs, and Hill subsequently resigned.

MR. CHURCHILL'S  
MEETING.

## CATHOLIC PRIESTS' ADVICE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
The priests in all the Roman Catholic churches in Belfast yesterday pointed out, from the altar, that Mr. Winston Churchill's meeting was being entirely organised by Liberals, and they advised the Roman Catholics to keep away and endeavour to preserve peace in the city.

A BITING WINTER  
LOCH LOMOND FROZEN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
The intensity of the cold is indicated by the freezing of Loch Lomond, for the first time in 17 years.

## SUGAR CONVENTION.

## POSITION RATHER STRAINED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, Feb. 5.  
A wire from Reuter's correspondent at Brussels states that the Sugar conference again has met, but the position is somewhat strained. The German delegates not having yet received instructions. It is believed that the Russians intend to make an important concession, by asking permission to adhere to the Convention on the same terms as the other Powers.

## LANG-HOLLOWAY COMPANY.

Striking Production of  
"Hamlet."

A crowded house at the Theatre Royal last night saw Mr. Matheson Lang in his favourite character, that of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. It is in this role that the distinguished actor has secured his greatest triumphs, and, after witnessing his wonderful interpretation of the part, we readily admit that it would be almost impossible to conceive of a finer or more striking psychological conception of the complex character of the melancholy Dane. There are so many points of view from which it may be approached, no many seeming paradoxes in Hamlet's mental make-up, that it has ceased to become a matter for wonder, that almost every other interpreter of the part has a different idea of how it should be played. The prime difficulty encountered is to weave out of the tangled skein of love, revenge, goodness and melancholia a consistent character, a human man. This is where so many an actor fails, but in our view it is where Mr. Matheson Lang supremely succeeds. Mr. Lang is not an imitator; he has his own decided vision on what kind of man Shakespeare intended Hamlet to be, and he puts his whole soul and being into his studied comprehension of the part. The result is that there is nothing glaringly incongruous or incompatible in his Hamlet; we can clearly grasp and appreciate the mental processes at work in his fine nature. Mr. Lang's reading of the character is that Hamlet was a delicate minded, sensitive youth, a student and a thinker, suddenly thrust into the midst of a disquieting, immoral and corrupt court, ruled over by a drunken, dissolute, and immoral King—a youth who, although a Prince, had spent his boyhood days, not at the court, but at college, studying, thinking, dreaming dreams; all the strong, manly, sweet and noble nature bending unresisting towards the contemplation of the noble and the ideal in life. It is on these lines that Mr. Lang bases his study of the character of the Prince of Denmark. He contemplates the tragedy of the revolution from the inside. He sees in the future conduct of the Prince that the strings of the part he has chosen, result in moments when his brain is really affected. Then follow intermittent flashes of real insanity among the fevered to which Mr. Lang ascribes many of the passages which have puzzled so many students of Shakespeare. This is a unique rendering of the part, and we must say that it worked out with great effect last night. What makes Hamlet especially attractive to Mr. Lang is the wonder on the beauty of the character that our great master dramatist has created. The keynote to Hamlet, as Mr. Lang sees him, is his love of the good and the beautiful in life, the embodiment of the craving for the best in life that is in all of us, at least while we are young, and his horror and shrinking from what is gross and evil. With such a conception of the character and being conscious of the originality of his view, it must almost have been pardoned if Mr. Lang overdid the part. But strong as the temptation must have been, he never for a moment yielded to it; his restraint was perfect, and hence his success was all the more praiseworthy.

The other characters in the tragedy were also in very capable hands. Miss Hurin Burton handled the comedy, the elderly part of Ophelia with fine feeling and discretion, never for a moment outraging the role. As the Queen, Miss Marion Lind played effectively, though in the chamber scene she scarcely gave full play to emotion. Mr. Douglas Vignos' Horatio was really excellent, while Mr. King Claudius Mr. Montague Love displayed great histrionic abilities; his depiction of the coarse, vulgar nature of the usurper could not have been better. Mr. W. E. Holloway gave a fairly good interpretation of the character of Polonius, and Mr. Charles Vane was quite acceptable. Mr. F. Percival Stevens played the Ghost with marked effect and scored an even greater triumph as First Gravedigger. The play was splendidly mounted and the scene-changes were expertly effected. Though it was one o'clock in the morning, the final curtain went down, there was never a dull moment, and at the close Mr. Lang received a great ovation, being cheered and applauded again and again for his extremely fine work.

Tonight, Messrs Lang and Holloway produced the delightful comedy "The Merchant of Venice," perhaps the best known and most popular of Shakespeare's works. Mr. Matheson Lang appears as "Shylock," a character which has raised more controversy and discussion than any except "Hamlet." Mr. Lang's masterly portrayal is based on strongly individual lines and has proved one of the finest of his many brilliant performances. In "Forty Miles from Bristol" he has an exquisite role, which he plays to the advantage, and which ranks amongst his greatest personal successes.

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## Shipping

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR LOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &amp;c. THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamer	Leaves Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Hongkong to	Due Marseilles (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due London (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Leaves	Steamer	Tons	Saturday
HIMALAYA	Feb. 17	MACEDONIA	10500	March 16
ASSAYE	March 2	MOORE	11000	March 30
INDIA	March 10	Through Steamer		April 13
DEVANHA	March 30	MODIA	11000	April 19
DELTA	April 13	MALAYA	12500	May 11
ASSAYE	April 27	MOONGOLIA	12000	May 25
OCEANA	May 11	MALAYA	11000	June 8
DEVANHA	May 25	CHINA	8000	June 22
DELTA	June 8	MACEDONIA	10500	July 6
ARCADIA	June 22	MOORE	11000	July 20

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.

2nd £48.8 £72.12

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON.

CARRYING 1st and 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leaves HONGKONG	Due LONDON
RYANZA	February	March
NILE	March	April
NUBIA	April	May
SUDAN	May	June
KAMUR	June	July
PALAWAN	July	August
BORNEO	August	September
SYRIA	September	October
NORE	October	November

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON

1st SALOON £55.0 SINGLE £82.10 RETURN.

2nd £38.10 £57.4

For further particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE, Via SUEZ CANAL

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN, Via SHANGHAI

For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	To
SHANGHAI KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	DUMBEA	SEILIER	Feb. 12, about 6 p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via Ports	SYDNEY	COSTA	Feb. 13, at 1 p.m.

TRANSHIPMENT on the Co's Steamers at SINGAPORE for BATAVIA, at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, COSANTAS, VENETIA and BLACK SEA.

Through Tickets to London, via Paris from £27.10 up to £71.10. 30 hours railway from MARSEILLES to LONDON. Interpreters meet passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.

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## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD. HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST Class, fastest and most luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having splendid accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light, Excellent Cuisine.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
HAITANG	Capt. J. W. Evans	THURSDAY, 8th Feb. at 11 A.M.
HAICHUNG	Capt. W. O. Passmore	SUNDAY, 11th Feb. at 10 A.M.
HAITAN	Capt. J. S. Roush	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb. at 11 A.M.

## FOR SWATOW AND RETURN

(Occupying 5 Days)

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
HAIMUN	Capt. A. H. Stewart	TUESDAY, 6th Feb. at 11 A.M.
		FRIDAY, 9th Feb. at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's wharf near Black Pier.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

## PHILIPPINE STEAMSHIP Co.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	4,000	S. Crosby	Manila, Mangrove, Jolo & Cebu	Saturday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.
SAIRO	4,000	M. O. Smith	Manila, Mangrove, Jolo & Cebu	Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes &amp; Co., General Managers.

## Shipping

## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE &amp; PORTLAND (Or), via SHANGHAI and JAPAN PORTS.

Carrying Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points.

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	ON OR ABOUT
LUCERIC		J. MATHER	16th February.

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals. The BANK LINE Steamers are of the Newest Design, have most Commodious Accommodation and are fitted throughout with Electric Light and Wireless Telegraphy.

Special Parcel Express to American and Canadian Points. Will call at AMOY and KERLONG if sufficient inducement offers. For Rates of Freight or Passage apply to

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Telephone No. 780.

## INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

CARGO carried on through Bills of Lading from Hongkong to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (NATAL), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN with transshipment at COLOMBO to steamers of the Indian African Line.

## NEXT SAILING.

FROM HONGKONG. 3rd February. FROM COLOMBO. 17th February.

For Rates and further information, apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

(MANAGING AGENTS)

Hongkong, April 1, 1911.

## CONFERENCE-WEIR LINE.

REGULAR SERVICE FROM CALCUTTA TO RIVER PLATE.

THE Steamers of this Service provide Quickest transit from the Orient to the Argentine.

Cargo carried on Through Bills of Lading from Hongkong to River Plate, Ports transshipping to Conference-Weir Line steamers at Calcutta.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS.

FROM HONGKONG. FREQUENT SAILINGS. FROM CALCUTTA. End January. End February.

For rates of Freight and further particulars apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

(MANAGING AGENTS)

## New Line of Steamers

## South African Ports.

## ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE

REGULAR Direct Service from Japan, China, and Straits to Beira, Delagoa Bay, East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, calling at Mauritius if sufficient inducement offers, and affording the Quickest Freight Transport from the Orient to South Africa.

S.S. DUNERIC, 3,000 tons, to be despatched on 10th February.

S.S. KATANGA, 5,600 tons, to follow.

And regularly thereafter.

For rates of Freight or regularly Passage apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

Managing Agents

Hongkong, August 23, 1911

## THE EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

## MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

## MAIL SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	Feb. 9	Feb. 7th, at Noon
EASTERN	Mar. 8	Mar. 2nd, at Noon
EMPIRE	Apr. 5	Mar. 30th, at Noon
ST. ALBANS		Apr. 27th, at Noon

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Fruit, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried. For further particulars, apply to

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Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1903.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

## Shipping

## P. &amp; O. Steam Navigation Co.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

S.S. 'INDIA' (8,000 Tons)

CAPTAIN G. W. GORDON, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT, WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 16th, 1912, CALLING AT STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES AND GIBRALTAR, AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT-

MARSEILLES - APRIL 13th.

LONDON - APRIL 20th.

The Accommodation in this Vessel is at the entire disposal of Passengers from the Far East.

FARES TO LONDON - 1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.

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For Further Particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, September 1, 1911.

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(Under Mail Contract with the Austrian Government).

MONTHLY FAST DIRECT SERVICE TO TRIESTE, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID.

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